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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of this continuation application on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-6 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter involved, and add the following claims:

subc2> 28. (New) A device for collecting a sample for analysis, comprising:  
a main body dimensioned to manipulated by hand;  
a suction pressure generator;  
a drawing channel formed in the main body in communication with the suction pressure generator, an opening in the main body being formed at the end of said drawing channel distal with respect to said suction pressure generator; and